(ii) Foliar application of Zinc sulphate in areas where soils have the zinc deficiency.

(iii) Top-dressing with Ammonium Chloride or incubated urea (equal quantities of moist soil with urea kept overnight before use) in areas where suspected sulphide injury is likely to occur and basal application of Calcium Oxide at the rate of 200 Kg. per acre in areas where iron toxicity is noticed.

The precise estimates on the loss of paddy due to yellowing syndrome during the last 3 years are not available.

Safety measures in high rise buildings

748. SHRI VI. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI L. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any inspection of safety measures has been conducted in the high rise buildings in New Delhi/Delhi by any high level Committee;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the Committee; what is the number of violation of safety measures that have come to the notice of the Committee;

(c) what action has been taken against owners of the concerned buildings where violation of safety measures has been noticed; and

(d) whether any such violation of safety measures have come to the notice of the committee in the case of the New Delhi House, Barakhamba Road?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Fire Advisory Committee constituted on 7-6-1983 by the Lt. Governor of Delhi recommended enforcement f unified building bye-laws for Delhi which contain fire safety measures as prescribed in the National Building Code. The unified building bye-laws were promulgated w.e.f. 23-6-1983. Wherever, there have been any violations/deviations in the laws in force, the Committee has drawn attention to these and made specific recommendations for their removal.

(c) Owners have been directed by the DDA to comply with the recommendations of the Fire Advisory Committee by the concerned authorities.

(d) Yes, Sir. The committee had inspected the New Delhi House, Barakhamba Road and a report with regard to observations and recommendations of fire protection measures was forwarded to the promotors of the building for implementation by the Chief Fire Officer.

Amount payable to N.D.M.C. by Akbar, Meridien and Bharat Hotels

749. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY.
DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state.

(a) what is the amount of money payable as lease or licence fee by Akbar (ITDC), Meridien, Bharat Hotels to the New Delhi Municipal Committee;

(b) what are the terms and conditions of lease/licence in each case; and

(c) what steps are being taken to collect the outstanding dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The NDMC have reported that the amount payable to them by the Akbar hotel upto 31-12-1985 on the basis of the Budget Estimates furnished by the hotel amounts to Rs. 46,59,378.79. This amount is subject to final assessment by the Committee after inspection and reconci-

liation of accounts. They have reported that in respect of the Meridien and Bharat hotels they have granted moratorium upto 1985 towards payment of licence fee and hence no amount has fallen due from these hotels.

(b) The NDMC have reported that the terms and conditions of lease/licence in each case are as follows:—

(i) *Akbar hotel*

The hotel stands licensed by NDMC to ITDC for the period ending 31-10-2000 on an annual licence fee of 11 per cent of the turnover multiplied by 300/311 or Rs. 15 lakhs per annum, whichever is higher.

(ii) *Meridien hotel*

The NDMC have licensed the plot to M/s. C. J. International Hotels Ltd. for construction of a five star hotel on payment of annual licence fee at the rate of Rs. 268 lakhs as minimum guaranteed amount or 21 per cent of the annual gross turnover, whichever is higher for a period of 99 years, subject to a maximum increase of 100 per cent in licence fee after every 33 years.

(iii) *Bharat Hotel*

The NDMC have licensed this plot to M/s. Bharat Hotels Ltd. for construction of a five star hotel on payment of annual licence fee at the rate of Rs. 145 lakhs for a period of 99 years subject to maximum increase of 100 per cent in licence fee either every 33 years.

(c) As the dues from Akbar hotel are yet to be finally assessed and as the other two hotels have been granted moratorium upto 1985 by the NDMC the question does not arise.

Weeding out of corruption and inefficiency in DDA

750. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of complaints relating to poor construction, received against D.D.A. during the the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what action has been taken on these complaints;

(c) whether any action has been taken against D.D.A. officials, if so, the nature thereof;

(d) what is the number of contractors against whom action has been taken and the nature of the action taken;

(e) what steps are being taken to weed out corruption and inefficiency in D.D.A.; and

(f) whether Government propose to appoint a commission to check the quality of work of D.D.A., if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The DDA has reported that statistical data regarding complaints received has not been maintained by them, as normally complaints are received at various levels and dealt with appropriately. However, 23 complaints of poor construction were received during the last 3 years in the Vigilance Cell of DDA. Year-wise break-up and action taken thereon including the action against the DDA officials given in Statement. [*See* Appendix CXXXVI, Annexure No. 6]

(d) 35 contractors (6 in 1982, 19 in 1983 and 10 in 1984) have been debarred from the tendering in the DDA ing the last one year?